

# Yes he did

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THE WINNERS ARE ...

### State Races

#### Governor

Jay Nixon-58%

#### Lieutenant Governor

Peter Kinder-50%

#### U.S. House District 6

Sam Graves-59%

#### State House District 4

Mike Thomson-69%

#### State Treasurer

Clint Zweifel-50%

#### Secretary of State

Robin Carnahan-62%

#### Attorney General

Chris Koster-53%

### Local Races



#### Sheriff

Darren White-52%



#### Assessor

Rex Wallace-100%



#### Collector-Treasurer

Marilyn Jenkins-67%



#### Public Administrator

Diane Thomson-100%

ELECTION 2008



photo by seith cook | chief photographer

FIONA MUHSAM CHEERS as Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) is announced as the 44th president while attending the democratic watch party at the Hangar.



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RICHARD LEACH-STEFFENS embraces his wife Lauren as the election results are announced. The Hangar served as a democratic gathering ground Tuesday night.



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REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE Mike Thomson checks the numbers shortly after they were read. Community members heard results at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

## A BLUE NOVEMBER

Obama victory excites variety of voters

By Lisa Houtchens  
University News Editor

"O-bam-a, O-bam-a, O-bam-a," could be heard Tuesday night in the dinner theater of the Hangar, as the votes flashed on the big screen.

As California, Washington state and Oregon turned blue, the theater went wild.

"We just elected the first black president of the United States," Jason Romano said, cell phone stuck to his ear as CNN released its projected outcome of the 2008 election.

The theater filled with screams of "yes we did, yes we did," and people hugged as Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) was announced the next president.

The Hangar was the site of one of two watch parties in Maryville for the volunteers and students involved in the Obama campaign. The second was at Carson's Bar and Grille.

Volunteers for the campaign filled the theater, cheering loudly as democratic nominees won their respected races. The cheers grew louder, as states turned blue.

"This is the most excited I have been since they first elected JFK," Rosie Duty said. "I got interested when he (Obama) began to speak, and I wanted to be part of this election."

For many Northwest students, this was their first chance

to participate in a presidential election, and they realized how important each vote was.

"I voted because I wanted to feel like I made a difference, our votes do matter," student Ryan Simbro said. "If everybody figured their vote didn't count, it could swing a county which could swing the whole state."

This election was no doubt a historic election, with a black man running for president and a woman, Gov. Sarah Palin (R-Alaska) running to be vice president.

"This might just be the most important day of your life," Associate Professor in History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Sciences David McLaughlin said. "I never thought I would see a candidate of color win the presidency."

Northwest volleyball player and black voter Iesha Haskins voted because she has always been passionate about politics, and she voted for Obama because of his stance on pro-choice and gay marriage, she said.

"I feel like if you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain," she said.

With Obama winning the election, it shows America is a "melting pot," she said.

Taking a break from all of the election coverage, a special guest was announced. A Sarah Palin impersonator made a concession speech.

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### Then and Now

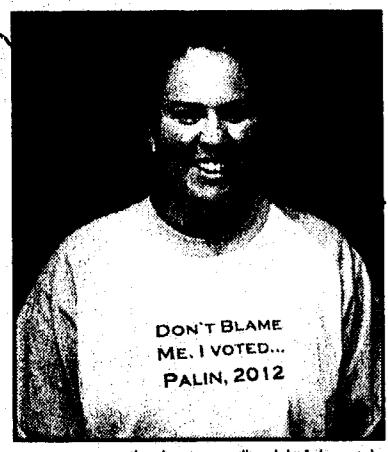
Votes in Nodaway County

#### 2008 Election

##### Presidential Race

John McCain and Sarah Palin	5,568
Barack Obama and Joe Biden	4,493
Bob Barr and Wayne Root	39
Chuck Baldwin and Darrell Castle	39
Ralph Nader and Mat Gonzalez	20

ELECTION REACTION



(left) SENIOR AIRMAN FOR the Missouri Air National Guard, Jamie Israel shows her support for the McCain/Palin campaign. (center) SENIOR WILLY DAINS is happy about the choice Americans made in the 2008 election. (right) HEATHER GREEN'S OLDEST son, Tristan, gives youngest brother, Hayden, a lift.

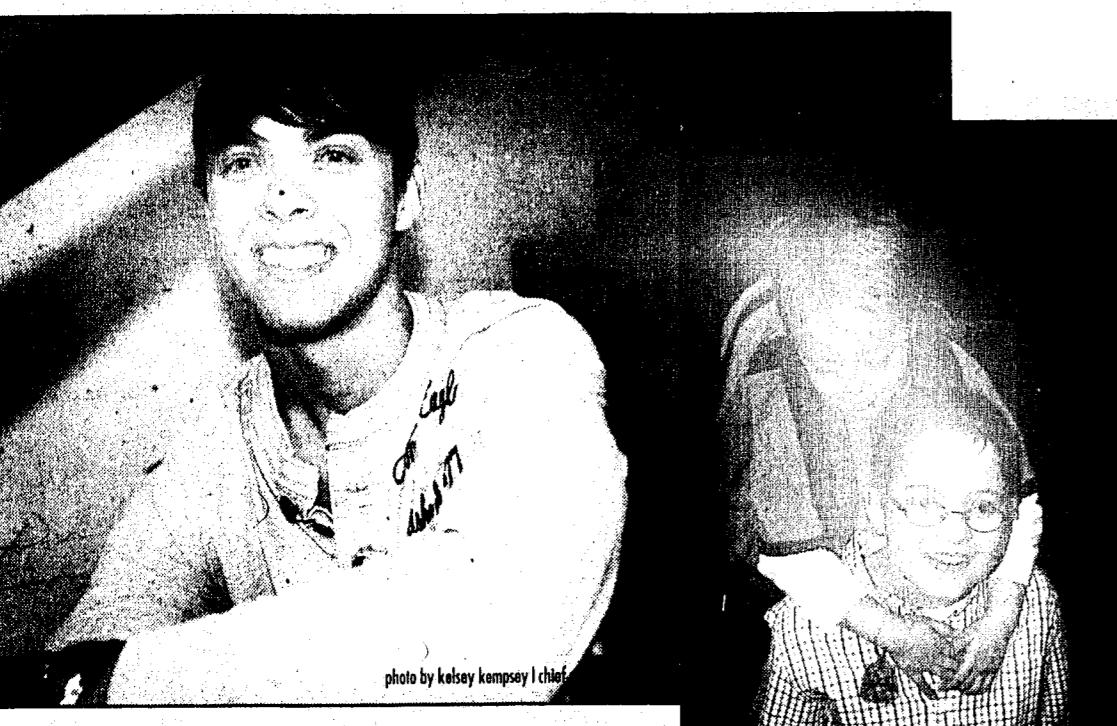


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True life: voters react

By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

Remember "True Life: I'm Affected by the Election?" The Missourian followed up with the three Northwest students who had a lot on the line with the 2008 election. Here's their thoughts on Tuesday's results.

"Want to stay in Iraq until the job is done"

Missouri Air National Guard Senior Airman, Jamie Israel is not impressed with the presidential choice Americans made Tuesday.

"I am very, very disappointed," Israel said. "I feel we will be paying for it in the next five to seven months."

Israel, who volunteered for a 40-day deployment to Al Udeid air base in Saudi Arabia, last December feels the choice Americans made will only worsen the conditions the country is currently in.

"I honestly feel we will be at war on American soil in the next year," Israel said. "I think Obama is going to try and negotiate peace teams, and they will go behind his back. He will be totally blindsided by his election."

Israel is also disappointed that Alaska governor, Sarah Palin did not get her chance at vice presidency.

"I love Sarah Palin," she said. "She has such a positive outlook on life and Christian values and morals."

"In my opinion, I think the election of Obama shows how our families raised our 18-30 year olds. I really think their values and morals aren't good."

"Want equal marriage rights"

Northwest senior Willy Dains felt the decision was for the better.

"I was excited," Dains said. "Mainly because I voted for him and

Heather Green, a single mother of three and Northwest student, is still somewhat torn on the choice of our 44th president.

"To be honest, I didn't pay a lot of attention to it, but I'm pretty shocked that Obama won," Green said.

"He can't do everything, obviously," Dains said. "But he seems like he wants to be a great president, not just a president. He wants to be like past great presidents like Roosevelt and Lincoln."

With the many negative reactions the election has brought over the past couple days, Dains said the opposing party needs to get along.

"Republicans, even though they were defeated, should get over it," he said. "It happened, the American people spoke and working together is the only way to get things done."

Green said. "Just because you throw money around doesn't mean it will happen."

"Want affordable education"

"I think it's really nice when we have that leadership of the institution there, it's not too often that you see the president at eight at night, and he's out here at a live drill participating in it," Green said. "That really builds camaraderie and trust within the institution."

The drill helped the Cabinet understand what goes on during an emergency situation since they will be at the command center. They could also give their feedback during the drill.

"They'll understand from the ground floor what's going on in an emergency in those early stages so then they're better prepared to make a coordinated effort for response, resources (and) communication to the public because they'll have a deeper understanding of what's going on in an emergency," Green said.

The drills also included representatives from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Maryville Public Safety as well as all Campus Safety officers.

Drills like these help test University emergency procedures and helps both University and community offices understand their roles in an emergency, Green said.

The drills ensure officers are trained for any type of emergency situation. There are two drills a year for intruder response, one on a chemical situation and one tornado drill, Green said.

After each scenario, there was feedback so those participating could improve for the next synopsis.

"When you go to training, that's what it's about, to expose those opportunities for improvement and to address them right there," Green said.

The immunization policy states students need two vaccinations for measles and one for rubella. The policy also states students must complete these requirements before the end of their first trimester enrolled or registration will not be permitted until proper requirements are met, Wellness Director and Assistant Health Director Beau Dooley said.

This year, an e-mail was sent out to all University students reminding them of this requirement. It was mainly targeted at freshmen and transfer students, Dooley said.

"The e-mail was a courtesy to the students who might not be compliant with the immunization," Dooley said. "We thought it would make it a convenience to take care of the requirement as soon as possible to avoid a hold placed on student accounts."

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# Meyers meets Maryville



By Rachel Fair  
*Missourian Reporter*

While most were out at Carson's watching election coverage, about 440 others were at the Performing Arts Center, laughing off their anxiety from the near-ending elections.

Seth Meyers, one of Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update" anchors, helped break the tension by cracking jokes about the elections, college, and some of his own life experiences.

Among Tuesday night's laughs, Meyers spoke highly of both political parties; joking about the Obama text messaging services at 3 a.m., as well as what it was like to work alongside Sarah Palin a few weeks ago on *SNL*. Palin's next job should be single-handedly go after Bin Laden, Meyers said. He also gave some behind-the-scenes from *SNL*, by reading inappropriate jokes that weren't allowed to be aired on *Weekend Update*.

Other jokes Meyers told were just as hilarious, such as Booty-Ebay, when you buy things online late at night, then wake up the next day wondering what you did, which resulted in him breaking out into a song he called "My Dad bought a firetruck on Ebay," after asking the audience some of the crazy things they have ever purchased on Ebay. Tiffany Fry, an elementary education major, said she enjoyed how

interactive he was with the audience. Meyers played with the audience by handing out his "variety of drinks" he requested during his time at Northwest. Usually when a talent asks for a "variety of drinks" they receive Coke, Diet Coke and water, but not Northwest – instead he was given a Capri Sun, Dr. Thunder, Propel Fitness Water in Kiwi-Strawberry, "...tastes like someone placed a kiwi and a strawberry into a bathtub full of water, waited a couple of days, then ladled it into this bottle." Said Meyers, Mountain Lightning, and last but not least, Mountain Dew, "the champagne of Mountain drinks."

Meyers spoke until 9 p.m. Tuesday, then stayed after to sign autographs and take pictures for some of the students. Assistant Director of Campus Activities, Candace Wolf said he was there for about another hour.

Melissa Morkus, Student Activities Council Entertainment Chair, explained that even though they lost a lot of the audience due to it being election night, they were still amazed by the "good turnout." Freshman Joe Barbosa, a social science education major, found nothing wrong with the comedian performing on the same night as the elections. "I thought it was a nice distraction from the circus we call politics," said Barbosa. "Stars of [Meyers'] caliber is sweet in Maryville."

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE" writer and weekend update anchor Seth Meyers performs to a crowd of 440 Tuesday night at the Performing Arts Center. With the presidency on the line and many glued to election coverage, some chose the alternative source of entertainment attending a performance sponsored by Student Activities Council.

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# NWMISSOURIAN **SPORTS**

## NW FOOTBALL

### Lions stand in way of out-right MIAA championship

By Marcus Meade  
*Sports Editor*

This Saturday, the Bearcat football seniors have a chance to do something unprecedented in Northwest's football history – go three years without a conference loss.

Standing in their way is a Missouri Southern team that's fallen on hard times. "They lost a few good players last

year that were seniors," head coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "They've had some injuries, which I think is probably the most significant thing, some injuries on their offensive line. And at this point, their quarterback hasn't played as well as he had in the past. I think that's kind of hurt them."

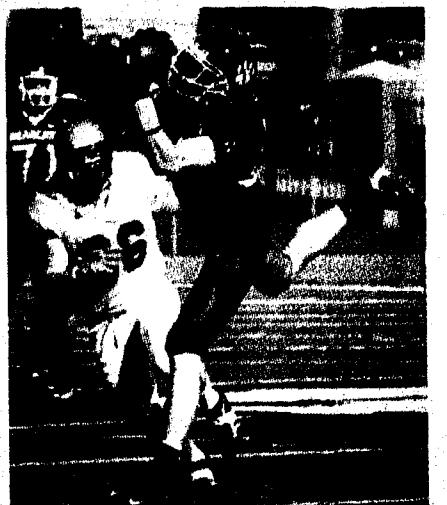
The Lions, a team that showed improvement last year, next to last in the MIAA with a 2-6 conference record and eighth in points per game with 21.7. Last week, Missouri

Southern suffered its third loss in a row to Truman 38-7.

But Northwest won't take pity on the Lions. They're set on coming away with an out-right conference title and a chance at a first round bye, senior long snapper Cody Lanus said.

Lanus, a four-year starter for the 'Cats, expects his team to come out ready to play, focusing on keeping the momentum they've built so far this season.

See LIONS on B2



FRESHMAN  
 RECEIVER JAKE  
 SOY hauls in a 21  
 yard pass during  
 the first quarter of  
 Saturday's blow  
 out victory over  
 Emporia.

photo by matt cook  
 chief photographer

## NW CROSS COUNTRY

### Regional give team chance at redemption

By Jason Lawrence  
*Missourian Reporter*

The Northwest cross country team is looking to make a comeback following a pair of eighth place finishes at the MIAA Championships.

"We need to make the race happen," graduate assistant Matt Pohren said, "not hope for the race to happen."

The "race" Pohren referred to is the NCAA South Central Regional meet.

Assistant Coach Tessa Koschel said she was looking for mental improvements this weekend in San Antonio.

"The physical aspects are there," Koschel said. "They've worked their butts off for the whole season. They've just got to put their minds to it and do it."

Having a week off between meets has also been beneficial and should allow the team to be in top form, junior All-MIAA performer Trevor Johannsen said.

"It helps us to get rested and everything," Johannsen said. "At the end of the season, we're not running as hard for workouts, so our legs are fresh and we're just ready to go."

Koschel and Johannsen expect the weather to work in their favor on Saturday. Not going from cold to hot should be beneficial and it's supposed to be 78 degrees in San Antonio, Koschel said.

The top seven runners from both teams are expected to compete in regionals and Johannsen hopes the team can beat conference teams that they didn't at the conference meet.

"We're really focused now; we were really disappointed with the eighth place finish," Johannsen said. "We're definitely coming back with a vengeance. Everybody's going to be really focused for this last race."

Koschel thought it was actually good for the team to finish eighth at Conference. They really needed a race like that to motivate them and spur them into action, she said. She has high expectations for both teams at the upcoming meet.

"I expect our seniors to step up and run how they need to run. I expect our Top 5 runners to run the way we know and they know they can," Koschel said. "I expect our women to be fearless and, well both teams really, know how good they are and unleash it. Just let it go."

The team has done great things this season and is just starting to reach its potential, Koschel said.

The Bearcats will need to show that potential this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to see runners move on to the NCAAs Championships Nov. 22.

See DUO on B3

## PROFILE



220

Total points scored by  
 Mattson and Farmer

61.3%

Percentage of points from Mattson and Farmer

359

Total points scored  
 by the Spoofhounds

**Mattson and Farmer**

**'Hounds**

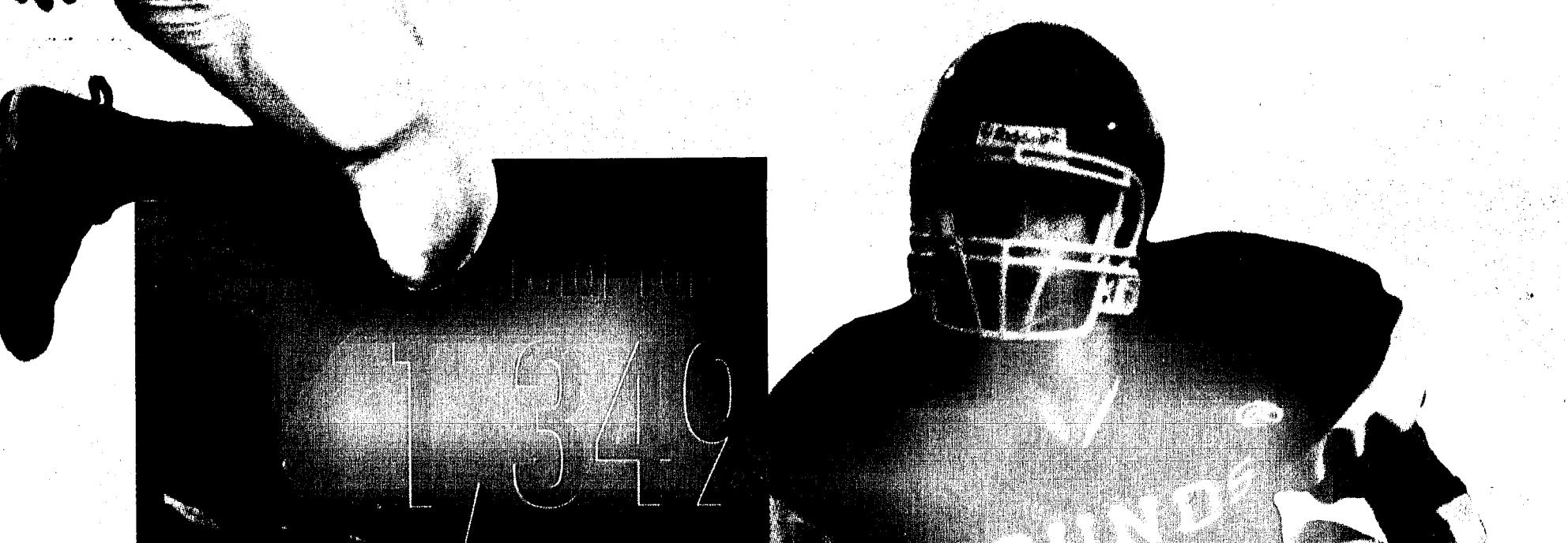
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# READY TO RUN



### Duo puts up big numbers using combination of speed and power

By Christopher Woodland  
*Community Sports Editor*

Throughout history, dynamic duos have propelled themselves and those around them to greatness. Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen led the Bulls to six NBA titles in the '90s. Joe Montana and Bill Walsh created a dynasty in San Francisco and where would Guns-n-Roses have been without Axl Rose, and Slash?

The Maryville Spoofhounds now have their own terrific tandem. Senior running backs John Farmer and Adam Mattson, along with 18 other seniors, torched defense on their way to leading Maryville to its first district title since 2004.

As of press time Wednesday, Farmer and Mattson had accounted for more than two-thirds of Maryville's total yardage output. They accumulated 3,185 all-purpose yards this season.

They also accounted for nearly two-thirds of Maryville's points by scoring 220 of the team's 359 cumulative points.

The tandem has scored in about every possible way.

Farmer averages 13.7 yards per carry with 13 rushing touchdowns, 23 extra points, a 25-yard field goal and has thrown for a touchdown.

Don't expect Farmer to start throwing touchdown passes anytime soon though.

"We have a play, but we haven't ran it yet," Farmer said. "I'm not really the passing type."

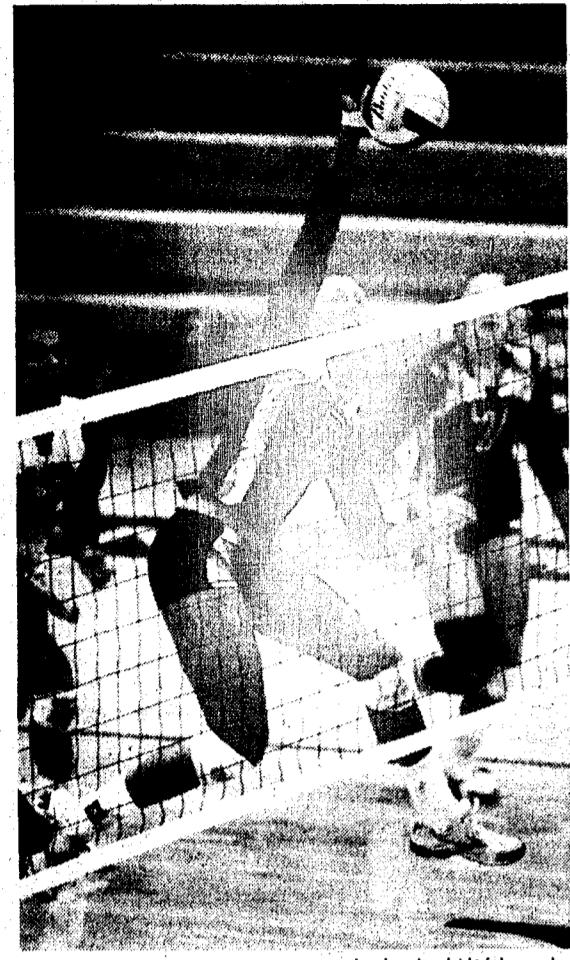
Mattson also broke the Maryville career rushing record with 2,663 yards at the end of the regular season.

Mattson entered the season as the clear No. 1 running back for the 'Hounds after rushing for a single-season school record 1,257 yards and earning All-State honors in 2007. He has also earned All-MEC recognition every year since his freshman year.

See DUO on B3

Total Yards  
 1,314

VOLLEYBALL



By Brian Bilejew  
University Sports Editor

All hope looked lost at sending the Northwest volleyball team's one senior home with a win on senior night.

Northwest dropped the first two sets of the match to Southwest Baptist and entered the third set needing a win to keep the match alive. The 'Cats not only won the third set but avoided a loss by winning the fourth and fifth set as well.

"We feel good, especially with it being senior night," head coach Anna Tool said. "You know, you want to win for yourself, but it's also nice to win for that senior. It felt good to be on the winning side of a five game match."

Senior Amy Bohnker didn't just get a win on her senior night; she played well across the board, bringing in six kills, four assists, a pair of aces, 17 digs and four blocks. Bohnker also tallied a season-high 10 points in Saturday's match-up.

"It meant a lot," Bohnker said. "It was fun to go out and play and have all the girls playing behind me.

I can't do it by myself. I went out and did what I needed to do and everyone else played behind me."

Bohnker wasn't the only 'Cat who brought in season high stats on Saturday night.

Sophomore Katie Swenson added a season-high 58 assists. Along with her assists, Swenson brought in 12 digs, helping her reach her 11th double-double of the season and 26th of her career.

"I really just felt like I was clicking with all the hitters towards the end there," Swenson said.

Although Swenson is the team leader in assists, the match against Southwest Baptist marked the first time she saw playing time since Oct. 21, five matches ago.

Swenson was joined by her high school teammate junior Rachel Nisi, who sat the bench for three consecutive matches.

"They had been out, because they got beat out," Tool said. "It really wasn't a matter of them did something wrong. It was just that some other people were performing some elements of the game stronger and better and the only reason they were on

the floor Saturday night was because those people opened the door back up for them."

Tool said with the high level of play Swenson put forth Saturday night that "she will have the nod tomorrow (Wednesday), but it's a matter of can she sustain some consistency."

The 'Cats hosted Nebraska-Omaha Wednesday night. The results of the match were unavailable at press time. The Mavericks already beat Northwest once this season in three straight sets.

After the home match against Nebraska-Omaha, the 'Cats travel to Warrensburg, Mo. for their match up against No. 14 Central Missouri Friday night.

Tool said she expects to see a

level of scrappiness from Central Missouri that makes them tough to beat. She thinks for the 'Cats, who are 0-8 against ranked opponents, to pull off an upset, it is going to take "persistence and relentlessness."

"We're all going to have to come to play," Swenson said. "It can't just be five out of six people on the court ready to play. It's got to be everyone

on a level playing field."

Score by Quarter

	(4-6)	0	0	0	7	—	7
	(9-1)	21	21	0	14	—	56

Team Statistics

Northwest	Emporia
562	Total yards
76	Total plays
302	Rushing yards
49	Rushing attempts
11	Fumbles lost
260	Passing yards
27	Passing attempts
2-8	Sacks-yards
20-27-0	Comp-Att-Int
2-108	8-323
74	Off.yards per play
30	First Downs
545	Penalties-yards
2-29	Int-yards
7012	Third downs
2 of 3	6 of 17
Fourth Downs	1 of 2

SOPHOMORE MIDDLE HITTER Amber Ryan gets a kill in the third set of Saturday's match. Ryan had 23 kills in Saturday's win over Southwest Baptist.

SOCER

Team setting records during final games

By Dustin Sander  
Assistant Sports Editor

Northwest soccer fell to Missouri Southern in double overtime on Saturday in Joplin.

The Bearcats led the game 1-0 until the 88th minute of play. The 'Cats committed a penalty in the keeper's box to give the game a sent into sudden death.

"They scored off of a free kick and hit the player and went in, it was a crappy goal," junior forward Andrea Tritz said.

Hoza said the game had a disappointing result, but the game was not disappointing at all.

"Their effort was tremendous, they played great soccer," Hoza said. "They attacked well and we

out-shot the other team. The soccer was great."

This season has been a record breaking season for Northwest soccer. The 'Cats have the possibility to finish the season over .500 for the first time in school history.

Individually, Tritz tied the record for goals scored by an individual Saturday by scoring her eighth goal of the season.

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The 'Cats take on Central Missouri at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bearcat Pitch.

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"It helps your injury situation, gives you a chance to heal up a little bit," Tjeerdema said. "I think it's good from a psychological stand point."

We've gone for 11 weeks in a row, really 14 weeks in a row since fall camp started, with something looming right there every week. It's kind of nice to be able to put that aside for a week and relax a little bit."

Some of the injuries Northwest has worked through lately included a knee injury to All-American left tackle Reid Kirby, a shoulder injury to safety Alvin Foster-Rettig and an Achilles tendon injury to defensive tackle Shayne Shade. Kirby and Foster-Rettig are expected to play this weekend while Shade remains a question mark.

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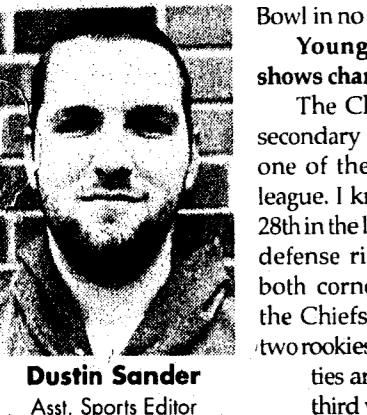
# THE EXTRA POINT

## Hold on Chiefs fans; there's hope on the horizon

The Chiefs may be having the worst season in franchise history, but Chiefs fans shouldn't hang their heads just yet.

Everyone says the Chiefs are young, so it shows promise for the future. Just being young doesn't mean the Chiefs will be good in the future. For every first round draft pick that has gone onto be a pro-bowler, there are just as many or more who have never started a down in an NFL game.

Here are five reasons the Chiefs will return to the top of the AFC West and find their way back into the Super



Bowl in no time.  
Young secondary shows change  
The Chiefs' young secondary will soon be one of the best in the league. I know they are 28th in the league in pass defense right now. At both corner positions, the Chiefs are starting two rookies and the safeties are just in their third year pro. This past Sunday against the Buccaneers, the Chiefs' secondary shut down Jeff Garcia until corner back Brandon Flowers was hurt in the third quarter and Garcia took advantage of another rookie at corner.

### SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

#### Marc's picks

#### Prediction record (22-18)

#### NCAA Lock

Illinois at W. Michigan — Illinois Juice Williams can really make things happen with his legs, and against a Western Michigan team that can't match up athletically, he should run wild.

#### NCAA Upset

Georgia Tech at N. Carolina — GT Just Georgia Tech team with its triple option attack reminds me of the Nebraska teams of the '90s — you know, the good teams. The Yellow Jackets play a physical brand of football, and they're well coached. Butch Davis, the Tar Heels coach, can really recruit, but that's about it.

#### NFL Lock

Baltimore at Houston — Baltimore's only a one-point favorite in this game. That's crazy. Joe Flacco's doing just enough, and that Ravens' defense is playing in 2001 form.

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Carolina at Oakland — Oakland. The Raiders are big time dogs in this game, but I have no other choice. I'm not picking the Chiefs that's for sure. Maybe the freak shows of the "Black Hole" can lead Oakland to a win?

#### Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

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Branden Albert = Willie Roaf  
The Chiefs also have a very young offensive line. I've heard for my entire life from football coaches and ESPN analysts the game is won or lost at the line of scrimmage and I completely agree. Albert was the 15th pick in the 2008 draft and after game eight and he has proved to me that he has what it takes to be the anchor of the Chiefs left tackle.

Creating more youth  
The 2009 draft is also a huge key to the Chiefs' success. The way the Red and Gold is playing right now, they will end up with another top five pick. If I learned anything from the draft last season, it's that the front office at Arrowhead takes the draft seriously. Last year the Chiefs' draft was one of the best team drafts I have seen for as long as I have followed football.

Valuable Trade Bait

Johnson has proven to be a drain on the organization over the last few seasons. He is now suspended and just costing the team money and giving the team and city nothing in return. With the play of Kolby Smith and Jamaal Charles in the back field, Johnson is no longer vital to the Chiefs success.

Johnson is still thought of as a great running back and could be great bait for a trade and possibly high draft picks. Also, with Tony Gonzalez wanting to be traded, more draft picks could be coming the Chiefs' way.

It could be worse

My last point is at least Al Davis isn't running the show.

### WHAT TO WATCH

#### Marc's TV picks

#### Saturday

\* Penn St. at Iowa, ABC, 2:30 p.m. — Iowa has surprised some people this year, and Penn. State is playing out of their mind right now. I'm rooting for Joe Pa.

#### Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

\* Tennessee at Chicago, noon, CBS — Here are two teams that know how to play some defense.

#### Days rating (3 of 5)

#### Brian's TV picks

#### Saturday

\* "Tommy Boy," Comedy Central, 9 p.m. — One of the greatest comedies of all time, "Richard, who's your favorite little rascal? Alfalfa... or is it Spanky?"

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

#### Sunday

\* Giants at Eagles, WOWT, 7:15 p.m. — This should definitely be a battle of the NFC East.

#### Days rating (5 of 5)

#### Woody's TV picks

#### Saturday

\* Alabama at LSU, CBS, 2:30 p.m. — This should be another tough SEC battle. LSU could very well upset the "Tide in Death Valley."

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

#### Sunday

\* Colt at Steelers, CBS, 3 p.m. — I really love the chances of seeing the Steelers defense tearing pretty-boy Peyton Manning apart. If only Eli could play wide out for Indy.

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

#### Dustin's TV picks

#### Saturday

\* Oklahoma State at Texas Tech, ABC, 7:00 p.m. — I'm ready for this game. I know it will be great and another instant classic from the Big 12 this year.

#### Days rating (5 of 5)

#### Sunday

\* Chiefs at Chargers, CBS, 3:15 p.m. — Hey! The Chiefs had a great first half of football last week maybe now they could put two together.

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

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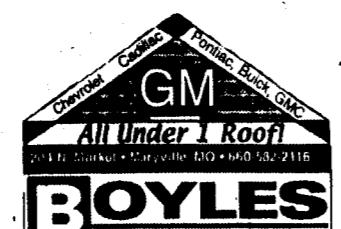
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# A true political 'party'



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Party-goers Stephanie Bluth, Andrea Richardson, Chantel Olson, and Brittany Turner watch as Ben Mendenhall colors Michigan blue after Obama won the state



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Ben Mendenhall checks Obama's poll results through live stream on-line.



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Stephanie Bluth makes a fresh batch of margaritas to help keep the festivities going Tuesday night.

## Student voters cheer for the presidential race

By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

There's nothing like toasting to politics.

For one group of Northwest students, Tuesday night was the perfect opportunity to get together and throw back a few drinks as they watched the results come in from the presidential race.

For this group, it was all about Obama.

To help celebrate every time Obama won a state, the group made a game out of it.

"We're going to drink everytime Obama wins a state, or the touch map on CNN focuses on Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio, because that's where we are all from," senior Ben Mendenhall said.

"And everytime McCain or Palin is mentioned," senior Stephanie Bluth added. "Or

when they mention 'maverick' talk."

With close eyes on CNN and the Internet, the group kept a map on the wall, coloring each state red or blue when a candidate was projected to win.

"We'll go ahead and give Wyoming to McCain, obviously," Mendenhall explained as he colored the state red.

"And Utah," Bluth added.

"I never liked the color red anyway," senior Chantel Olson chimed in.

After coloring the northern states their respected color, the controversy of the tight race in Missouri added much excitement.

"Missouri is tied 49 percent to 49 percent right now," Mendenhall shouted. "Obama is actually winning, holy s---!"

"If he loses Missouri, I'm gonna stick it to everyone I went to high school with," senior

Andrea Richardson said.

With the projections of each state on CNN, came what the group deemed, the "C-3PO" hologram of celebrities, such as musician Will.i.Am, and news anchors from around the country.

"It's crazy," Mendenhall said in regards to the holograms. "He's from a different location, it's like they zip 'em there."

"Look at the C-3 dude," Olson said, excitedly. "Isn't it creepy?"

"Drink to that," Richardson added.

As the night went on, the votes rolled in and the margaritas got a little stronger. As larger states, such as Texas and Florida closed their polls, the map became bluer, and the laughter and anticipation became greater.

"I like this," Richardson said of the game.

"Obama's getting me drunk."

## The status of a nation

*In reaction to the election results, the 'status update' box on Facebook became overloaded with messages showing support and disappointment for the newly elected president. Here are some statuses that caught the Missourian's eye.*

"...hopes Ann Nixon Cooper voted for McCain."

"...i bet there is a lot of maryvillians that aren't so mary now lol."

"... WTF America"

"...is it just one Hussein after another..."

"...thinks oprah should've won."

"...Wow, What a way to make HISTORY! Now NOTHING can hold you back from your DREAM. Decision 08- Dream come true."

"...hopes he never hears about Joe the Plumber again."

"...quit acting like it's d-day people. GO OBAMA!"

"...is glad a lot of his ignorant friends are going to Canada :)"

"...is heading to KC to apply for welfare... then going on an extended 'vacation' to Ontario."

"...believes she has every right to complain since she actually voted... If you didn't exercise your freedom to vote you shouldn't exercise your freedom to complain."

"...Call yo MOMMA its time fo OBAMA."

"...is more concerned with a democrat controlled congress than president Hussein. oops i mean president Obama."

"...is disgusted by some of the things ppl are saying, if u want to leave the country bc obama is president... then leave... n watch how fast you'll come running back."